## UNITED STATES

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> Washington, D.C. 20549

## SCHEDULE 14A

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )

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## Big Lots, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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## Your Vote Counts!

## BIG LOTS, INC.



2023 Annual Meeting<br>Vote by May 22, 2023<br>11:59 PM EDT

## You invested in BIG LOTS, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the shareholder meeting to be held on May 23, 2023.

## Get informed before you vote

View the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to May 9, 2023. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future shareholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.


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## THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming shareholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

| Voting Items | Board Recommends |
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| 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of the nominees named below: |  |
| 01) Sandra Y. Campos <br> 02) James R. Chambers <br> 03) Sebastian J. DiGrande <br> 04) Marla C. Gottschalk <br> 05) Cynthia T. Jamison <br> 06) Christopher J. McCormick <br> 07) Kimberley A. Newton <br> 08) Nancy A. Reardon <br> 09) Wendy L. Schoppert <br> 10) Bruce K. Thorn | $\checkmark$ For |
| If any nominee named for election as a director is unable to serve or for good cause will not serve, common shares represented by proxies will be voted for such substitute nominee(s) as recommended by Big Lots' Board of Directors. |  |
| 2. APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED BIG LOTS 2020 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the approval of the Amended and Restated Big Lots' 2020 Long-Term Incentive Plan. | $\bigcirc$ For |
| 3. APPROVAL, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the approval of the compensation of Big Lots' named executive officers, as disclosed in the Proxy Statement pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion accompanying the tables. | $\bigcirc$ For |
| 4. VOTE, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, ON THE FREQUENCY OF THE SAY ON PAY VOTE. The Board of Directors recommends that you vote for holding an advisory vote on the compensation of Big Lots named executive officers every 1 YEAR. | (1) Year |
| 5. RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DELOITTE \& TOUCHE LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte \& Touche LLP as Big Lots' independent registered public accounting firm for the 2023 fiscal year. | $\bigcirc$ For |

If any other matter properly comes before the Annual Meeting, common shares represented by proxies will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Directors on such matters.

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on the record date, March 24, 2023, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any postponement or adjournment thereof.

